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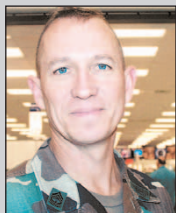
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# Open house ready for takeoff

*Mini-flight lessons on tap for Saturday's event at Flying Activity*

By **SANDY RIEBELING**

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Every year folks at the Flying Activity like to make their open house a little bigger and better. This year is no different.

The Flying Activity's open house will be Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., offering mini-flight lessons for \$25 per person, \$20 for kids 12 and under.

"We're going to give people more to look at out here while they're waiting for their flights," Tim Thompson, assistant business manager for the Flying Activity, said. "We'll have refreshments — hot dogs, hamburgers stuff like that — free for

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Courtesy photo

**FLIGHT READY**— Pilot Kim Weyler, member of the Flying Activity, shows off the newest plane in the club's fleet, the Duchess multi-engine.

# United Nations lift sanctions against Iraq

*International community to help liberated nation*

By **JIM GARAMONE**

*American Forces Press Service*

WASHINGTON — The United Nations lifted sanctions against Iraq Thursday following a 14-0 vote in the Security Council.

The vote on U.N. Security Council Resolution 1483 lifts sanctions imposed on Saddam Hussein's regime following the Persian Gulf War. The resolution also gives the United States and the United Kingdom authority to control the country until an elected government is in place.

The United States, United Kingdom and Spain proposed the resolution. It will allow the controlling powers to finance reconstruction of Iraq out of Iraqi oil proceeds following more than two decades of Hussein's rule.

"It is a resolution that will lift sanctions, after 13 years, off the backs of the Iraqi people," Secretary of State Colin Powell said just before the vote.

The resolution will allow the international community to "help the liberated people of Iraq build a better society." Powell noted Iraq's infrastructure "was devastated not by the war, but by 30 years of dictatorial rule."

**'It will show to the Iraqi people that the international community is there for them.'**

— *Colin Powell*  
*secretary of state*

"It will show to the Iraqi people that the international community is there for them," the secretary added. He said the unanimous vote shows the world is "now united to move forward."

The U.S. and U.K. provisional authority in Iraq will operate with total oversight of an international board, and with the participation of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund.

The resolution calls for a special representative of the U.N. secretary general to be installed and to work with the provisional authorities. "As President Bush and (British) Prime Minister (Tony) Blair said a few weeks ago, it was important that we recognize a vital role for the United Nations," Powell said.

U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations John Negroponte said the lifting of sanctions is a momentous event for the people

of Iraq. "It is the turning of a historical page that should brighten the future of a people and a region," he said to the Security Council.

"The threatening actions and defiance of Saddam Hussein's brutal regime prolonged the imposition of sanctions for nearly 13 years," he said. "The liberation of Iraq has cleared the path for today's actions."

Negroponte said removing the sanctions will allow the provisional authorities to address problems left over from the previous regime.

"We all witnessed an Iraqi state under Saddam Hussein that was unwilling to adequately feed its people, a state in which critical infrastructure projects were left to languish while luxurious palaces were built, and a state in which free political expression was cruelly repressed and punished," he said.

"After more than a decade of being frozen out of the world economy, it is time for the Iraqi people to benefit from their natural resources," Negroponte added.

The resolution lifts export restrictions to Iraq, with the exception of trade in arms and related materiel. Aviation restrictions are also lifted.

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# Letters to the editor

## Thank you, AER volunteers

I would like to thank the following people for volunteering to assist us with our Pentagon pin and decal sale for Army Emergency Relief: John Ralls and John Lendeborg, SMDC SBO, Wynn Drive; Jennifer Jerome, DCSS, building 5308; and Janet Martin of RDEC, building 5400; and the good peo-

ple at Vehicle Registration and Badging, building 3423, for allowing a self-service display of the decals.

A total of \$2,027 for AER was raised this year.

**Graciela Gonzalez**  
AER lead, IMMC MMD

## National Guard unit arrives for security

There's been a changing of the guard at the Redstone gates.

The 2117th Ordnance Company of Athens, another National Guard unit, has arrived to replace Alpha Company 1st of the 131st from Centre. Its 120 soldiers will augment force protection.

"They're going to go through a process of a train-up for the next few days and

take over (May 26)," Art Riley, operations officer at Provost Marshal Office, said last week.

Part of Alpha Company 131st will return home and part will go to Anniston, according to members of the unit which arrived last September. A farewell ceremony was scheduled May 27 at the post activity field.

## Logistics Support Activity welcomes newcomers

The Logistics Support Activity recognized 23 new employees, including internal transfers, and 10 departing employees during its first hail and farewell for 2003.

The event was May 14 at the Officers and Civilians Club.

Employees who retired include MSgt. Wrenford Rogers, Marlene Blenman, Dennis Blenman, Les Ruha, Linda Kephart, Wayne Meyer and Karen Weston. Employees who transferred out include MSgt. Crystal Taylor, Scott Simmons and Kevin Rohm.

LOGSA newcomers include Marviline Readus, Pamela Webb, Yong Willis, Dianne Claxton, Cynthia McCollum,

Sharon Lockhart, Kathy Coe, Ivan Cancel, Dennis Brasher, Maj. Paul Williams, SFC Al Johnson, Paul Hayes, John DeArmond, Audra Allen, Beth Ann Taraba, SFC Mickelle Penn, Robert Tabara, SFC David Grant, SFC Edgar Duhaylungsod, SFC Reginald Lucas, Mary Brisebois, Scot Motquin and Jonathan Pierce. Taraba and Tabara work at the Packaging, Storage and Containerization Center in Tobyhanna, Pa.

"The LOGSA family extends a sincere welcome to its new employees and will miss those who have departed," a prepared release said.

## Communications upgrade work continues

The Installation Information Infrastructure Modernization Program construction project continues to expand its work locations, according to Richard Mathena, I3MP team leader in Directorate of Information Management.

Within the next week a construction crew is expected to start excavation on the corner of Martin and Linder Road. Another construction crew plans to start excavation

on the corner of Sparkman access road off Patton Road. They are expected to continue construction throughout the northeast area of the Sparkman Center to building 5306 and 5309. Parking and accessing the complex from Patton access road will be limited and precaution should be taken to avoid mishaps.

For more information, call Mathena at 876-0020.

## Chief salutes armed forces

Today (Armed Forces Day, May 17) we reflect on the common purpose of our armed forces — National Guard, Reserve and active duty. In 1963, President John F. Kennedy paid tribute to American servicemen and women serving "throughout the world as guardians of peace, away from their homes, their friends and their families. They are visible evidence of our determination to meet any threat to the peace with measured strength and high resolve. They are also evidence of a harsh but inescapable truth — that the survival of freedom requires great cost, and great personal sacrifice." Your heroic commitment has sustained that legacy with special distinction this year.

As members of our armed forces, you have borne the burden of long deployments and separation from loved ones, often in conditions of discomfort and danger on land, at sea and in the air. You

freed a people from a tyrant's oppression in Iraq. You persevered to keep pressure on terrorists hiding in Afghanistan, giving the people of that war-weary country a new chance to draw a breath of freedom and hope. On watch on the demilitarized zone between North and South Korea, your vigilance has been the stabilizing element in maintaining peace. At home and around the world, your skill and fortitude have sealed our freedom and served our way of life.

You, our splendid volunteers in uniform, exemplify the very best our nation offers. The joint chiefs of staff and I join all Americans in recognizing you and your families as you lead the world toward a future free from terror. May God bless our nation and all of you who serve her.

**Richard B. Myers**  
chairman,  
Joint Chiefs of Staff

## An open lane random survey

*Should 'under God' be removed from the Pledge of Allegiance?*

By **KELLEY LANE**  
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*1st Sgt. Lyn Vanzandt*

"No. I've spent 23 years protecting that right (to religion). We don't need to let a select few individuals try to destroy it,

because that's all it is. It's a minority that feels that way, not the majority."

*Rasaland Richardson, retired military*

"I believe that in America, when I came up, that was the essence of what we believed. I believe also that it meant from your home to your school to your community and abroad. Being in the military the past 25 years and on retirement, when you're in a foreign country that is the phrase that you hold onto. I strongly believe it should stay in for the foundation of America."



*SFC Reginald Lucas*

"Absolutely not. This nation (born) was on the principle of religion and religion is being taken out of everything — our schools and being wiped from society. Most of our basis is in religion."



*LaRue Stewart, retired military spouse*

"Our country was founded under God. Our country was founded on the belief in God and if they go back in history and look at the original documents they will see that God was in all of our documents. We were founded on our Christian beliefs."

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# Army invests in portable power technology

Venture Capital Initiative promotes smaller sources

ARMY RELEASE

The new Venture Capital Initiative is intended to satisfy a critical Army technology requirement — obtaining lighter, more efficient power sources for individual soldier systems.

"Power and energy technologies are an opportune area for Army investment, particularly because the Army's interests parallel those fueling the commercial market," Dr. A. Michael Andrews, Army chief scientist, said.

The goal of the VCI is to jump-start promising technologies in the area of portable power and energy to lighten soldiers' loads as they operate worldwide, often in extreme environments and under austere conditions. It will focus its investment activities on innovative technology companies, including those that may not normally do business with the Army.

"Finding new energy sources for soldiers is akin to a search for better power solutions for handheld computers like Palm Pilots, Blackberries, personal digital assistants and cell phones," Andrews said. "Lighter and smaller is better."

The VCI will be managed by a not-for-profit corporation under the authority of the 2002 Department of Defense Appropriations Act, Public Law 107-117, Section 8150. The corporation will be modeled on the Central Intelligence Agency's venture capital initiative, In-Q-Tel, and funds will be provided from basic research and applied research accounts.

The Army has worked with a RAND board of advisors to select the best company to manage the VCI. OnPoint Technologies Inc. of Maitland, Fla., will balance its primary objectives of improving collaboration with the entrepreneurial community and transitioning technologies into the Army, with the need to earn a return on investment that provides for continued operation of the VCI in future years.

# Newest addition to garrison cooking up American cuisine

Building 4488 workers applaud convenience

By KELLEY LANE

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Workers at building 4488 no longer have to go elsewhere for breakfast or lunch.

The American Eatery is the newest addition to the garrison.

A joint venture between the Army and Air Force Exchange Service and the garrison, it's open for business at 4488. A grand opening will be scheduled later.

"I'm looking forward to the opening," Sophia Taylor of the Army Audit office said last week. "Then that way we won't have to run across the street. On bad weather days we can just go in there and get something to eat and go back to our desks."

Co-worker Chana Reagan agreed. "I'm just excited," she said. "I can't wait for the eatery to open up. Like (Taylor) said, these bad weather days are getting us."

The original opening date had been scheduled earlier, but technical difficulties had pushed it back.

"We've run into some problems with equipment and electrical problems," Kim Sumpter, Post Exchange general manager, said.

With all the kinks worked out, the American Eatery is open for breakfast and lunch. "For a soft opening (May 27) there will be no advertisement," Sumpter said. "They will be cooking, the smell will come and people will notice. Then when we know all the equipment is running smoothly, we will hold a grand opening."

The menu reflects the diversity of American cuisine. Grill items such as hamburgers and fries are available, as well as fresh salads and the ever popular chili dog. The blue plate special, the traditional standard of American diners, will also be making a daily appearance. Breakfast is served starting at 6:30 a.m. The breakfast menu includes muffins, traditional breakfast foods like pancakes and omelets, and breakfast burritos.



Photo by Kelley Lane

**JUST TESTING—** Rickey Hammond, right, of the Directorate of Public Works, and Carolyn McMullen test the fryers before American Eatery's opening.

"American Eatery is a lot of things," Sumpter said. "Overall it will have a lot of good variety. It is designed to be a changing menu."

Decorated in a history of man-and-flight theme, the eatery offers modern conveniences, such as suspended flat screen televisions, with a classical

atmosphere. A conference room is also available inside the eatery. It can be reserved through the garrison. The eatery will be open on weekdays until 2 p.m.

"It is something that, if you've been around AAFES much, you've probably never seen before," Sumpter said.

# Bone density, cholesterol checks draw healthy crowd

Nearly 200 attend annual health fair

By SANDY RIEBELING  
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Lines formed quickly for the most popular booths at this year's Health Fair. Nearly 200 people attended the event May 20 at the Fitness Center, most of them heading for the free cholesterol and bone density screenings first.

Dennis Earley, an RDEC employee, even fasted the morning's breakfast in anticipation of a cholesterol check that would show if a change in diet and exercise over the last five months had paid off.

"The last time I got my cholesterol

checked (in December), it was higher than I wanted it to be," Earley said, while the technician pricked his finger and placed a drop of his blood on the test strip. "I made some lifestyle adjustments — more exercise, better eating habits. Now we'll see if it works."

Not quite as giddy as the man on the television commercial telling everyone he sees that he lowered his cholesterol, Earley was happy to learn that his cholesterol dropped from 215 to 187. "I guess I'll keep at it," he said.

There were no surprises for Bob Schrader, from the small business office, who was told his bone density levels were a little lower than normal. He was given information pamphlets about the risks and suggestions on how to increase his bone

density including an increase in calcium intake and exercise.

Dr. Curt Summers of Jones Valley Chiropractic was on hand to answer questions and let people know about the new chiropractic clinic he will open at the Sparkman Fitness Center in June.

"I have a lot of patients that work out here and tell me how hard it is to get away from work and down to the clinic," Summers said. "We're going to start opening the clinic a few days a week, during lunchtime hours. As demand dictates, we'll increase the hours. Eventually, we expect to increase to a full-time clinic."

Besides the top two screenings, the fair offered attendees a chance to check their body fat ratios and then pick up a snack of water and snack crackers, if you dared. Blood pressure checks were also offered, as well as information booths sponsored by Army Community Service, Morale Welfare and Recreation, and the Huntsville Hospital Breast Center. GNC, commercial sponsor of the fair, provided a variety of free samples ranging from health food bars to dietary supplements.

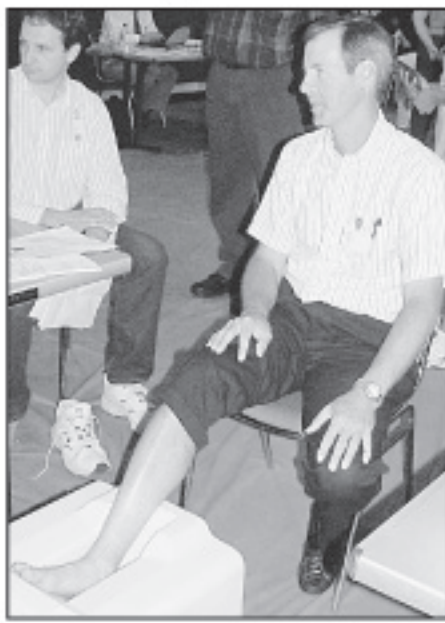


Photo by Sandy Riebeling  
**NO MAJOR FEAT—** It didn't take long for Bob Schrader, small business office, to get the results from his bone density screening.



Photo by Sandy Riebeling  
**CHECKUP—** Dennis Earley of the Research Development and Engineering Center gets his cholesterol checked at the health fair.

## Time zone change can keep you sleepless in Seattle

*Sleep pattern disorders have various causes*

By READUS LINTON  
Prevention and wellness specialist

Do you suffer from: waking up in the middle of the night, difficulty falling asleep, falling asleep while driving, excessive daytime drowsiness, or sleep attacks during the day? If so, you may have a sleep disorder.

A sleep disorder is a disruptive pattern of sleep which has been grouped into four categories: problems with staying and falling asleep, problems with staying awake, problems with adhering to a regular sleep schedule, and sleep disruptive behaviors.

### Problems falling asleep

Insomnia includes a combination of difficulty with falling sleep, staying asleep, and intermittent wakefulness. Illness, stress, poor sleep environments, smoking, or abuse of drugs or alcohol can cause this. Treatment is related to the cause and can sometimes be controlled by changing your environment and lifestyle. Sleep aid medications should only be taken if prescribed by a health care professional.

Disorders of excessive sleepiness are called hypersomnias. These include sleep apnea and narcolepsy. Sleep apnea causes breathing to stop intermittently during sleep, which results in people being awakened repeatedly and causes excessive daytime sleepiness. This is generally what causes snoring and the daytime

sleepiness is caused by a lack of oxygen to the brain. Narcolepsy is a condition of daytime sleep attacks, where the person suddenly falls asleep or cannot move. Sleep apnea is treated with weight reduction and the administration of air pressure through the nose by a Continuous Positive Air Pressure machine. Narcolepsy is treated with stimulating drugs during the day.

Problems with adhering to a regular sleep schedule may result from disruptions when traveling between time zones and with shift workers on rotating schedules, particularly third shift. Maintaining normal sleep patterns of at least six hours of sleep per night may alleviate this problem.

### Disruptive behaviors

Abnormal behaviors during sleep are called parasomnias and are fairly common in children. The most common are sleep terror and sleepwalking disorder. Sleep terror disorders are characterized by the ongoing, abrupt awakening from sleep, which usually is signaled with a scream. Sleep terrors are treated with hypnosis, guided imagery techniques and a sedative or anti-anxiety drug, but safety measures are needed to prevent people from harming themselves during nighttime walking.

If you are experiencing any of these symptoms, contact your Tricare primary care manager for assistance. For more information on this topic, just log on to [sleepapnea.org](http://sleepapnea.org) or [SleepFoundation.Org](http://SleepFoundation.Org) on the web.

# Florida Tech awards 64 master's degrees

## Graduates encouraged to make difference

Sixty-four students received advanced degrees in business and management during Florida Tech graduation May 16 at the Officers and Civilians Club.

Dr. Anthony Catanese, president of Florida Tech, encouraged the graduates to seek the most challenging assignments and to strive to make a difference in the world.

The graduates included active duty military personnel, Department of Defense civilians, Marshall Space Flight Center employees, and employees from local industries.

Graduates included:

- Larry Adams, MS Acquisition and Contract Management; C. Randall Allen, MS Management/Acquisition and Contract; Charles Allen, MS Computer Information Systems; Ardella Anderson, MS Management/Information Systems; Dorothy Anderson, MS Management/Acquisition and Contract; Deborah Asberry, MS Management/Logistics Management; Robert Balla, Professional Master of Business Administration; Jorge Bartholomew, MS Management/HR Management; Carol Batte, MS Logistics Management; Detra Battle-Blue, MS Management/Acquisition and Contract; Michael Baugh, MS Engineering Management;

- Craig Boehme, MS Acquisition and Contract Management; John Bohan, MS Management/Acquisition and Contract; Hal Bowers, MS Engineering Management; Tina Bragg, MS Management; David Briggs, PMBA/Acquisition and Contract Management; David Brink, MS Management/Information Systems; Darrell Brown, Professional Master of Business Administration; Roy W. Burgess, MS Management; Dwight Campbell, MS Management/Information Systems; Daren Carter, MS Management/Information Systems; Kenneth Cole, MS

Management; Albert Fowlkes, MS Management/Information Systems; Edith Coleman, MS Management; Carl Gardner, MS Management; Vern Crouch, MS Acquisition and Contract Management;

- Barry Dawson, MS Computer Information Systems; Natalie De Luca, MS Management/Information Systems; Lana Decker, MS Management/Acquisition and Contract; Robert Doherty, MS Management; Jimmy Downs, MS Acquisition and Contract Management; Peter Engler, MS Management/Information Systems; Mary Lou Faulkner, MS Management/Information Systems; Harold Fields, MS Systems Management/Operations Research; J. Suzanne Gilmore, MS Management/Acquisition and Contract;

- Carolyn Goldberg, MS Management; Pamela Hammon, MS Management; Beverly Harbin, MS Management/Acquisition and Contract; Keith Harbin, MS Management/Acquisition and Contract; Michael Hardin, MS Management/Information Systems; Timothy Harness, MS Acquisition and Contract Management; Lisa Harris, MS Management/Information Systems; R. Michael Herbst, MS Management; Charles Houston, MS Management/Information Systems; Anthony Howard, MS Management; Cynthia Howard, MS Management/Acquisition and Contract;

- Patricia Jackson, MS Management/HR Management; Steven Jensen, MS Management/Acquisition and Contract; Lorie Johnson, MS Management/Logistics Management; Nathaniel Johnson, MS Management/Logistics Management; Carolyn Jones, MS Management/Information Systems; Bradley Killen, MS Management/Acquisition and Contract; Jeannie King, MS Management; Betty Laird, MS Management/Information Systems; Carole Lang, MS Management/Acquisition and Contract; Macelle Langston, PMBA/Information Systems;

- Dale Larry, MS Management/Information Systems; Gary Lunsford, MS Logistics Management; Lear Lynch, MS Management/Acquisition and Contract; Denise Mack,

MS Logistics Management; Alan Markell, MS Management/Acquisition and Contract; Clarence Matthews, MS Logistics Management; Jennifer Maxwell, MS Management/Acquisition and Contract; Steve May, MS Management/Information Systems; Glenda McLaurin, MS Management/Logistics Management; Angela McMinnemon, MS Systems Management; Kenneth Muzzo, MS Management; Praveen Narravula, PMBA/Information Systems;

- Mohamed Nasr, MS Computer Information Systems; Mona Neal, MS Management/Information Systems; W. Odis Nickoles, MS Materiel Acquisition Management; Michael Oden, MS Engineering Management; Brock Owens, MS Management/Acquisition and Contract; Paula Parker, MS Management/Acquisition and Contract; Jessie Patterson, MS Management/Information Systems; Cassandra Patton, MS Management/HR Management; Charles Peloquin, MS Systems Management/Operations Research; Robbie Phifer, MS Acquisition and Contract Management; Andrew Plankenhorn, MS Management;

- Shirley Pride, MS Management/Logistics Management; Steve Puckett, MS Management; A. Ramin Rabin, Professional Master of Business Administration; Penelope Russell, MS Acquisition and Contract Management; Lottie Sanders, MS Management; Willie Sandifer, MS Logistics Management; Judy Schaefer, MS Management; Joyce Tincher, MS Management/HR Management; Elizabeth Schmitt, MS Logistics Management; William J. Scott, MS Management/Acquisition and Contract; Leslie Sparks, MS Management/Information Systems; Crayton Sterns, MS Management/Acquisition and Contract; Chiquita Suggs, MS Management/Acquisition and Contract;

- Kathy Swanson, MS Acquisition and Contract Management; Olivia Tarrant, MS Management/Acquisition and Contract; Atara Thomas, MS Logistics Management;

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# Angels challenge Devils on field



**EYE ON THE BALL**— Coach Rob Hoskins helps Cody Estremera line up the ball for a hit.

*Photos by  
Sandy Riebeling*

## *Having fun, teaching basics goals of T-ball coaches*

**By SANDY RIEBELING**  
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Success for the Blue Angels T-ball team isn't measured by home runs, RBIs or strikeouts. It is found in those small moments when players respond to that developing instinct inside that tells them where to throw the ball, when to tag the base and when to run as fast as their little legs will carry them.

"It isn't about winning and losing out here," SSgt. Rob Hoskins, coach of Redstone's Blue Angels, said. "We're out



**ROUNDING THIRD**— Coach Lisa Hoskins cheers on the team as Cody Estremera runs the bases.



**MAJOR LEAGUE THROW**— Brandon Howard warms up before the game.

here to have a good time and teach the kids basic fundamentals of the game — catching, stopping grounders, throwing to first, knowing where the bases are."

Ready to put all that practicing and hard work to the test, the Blue Angels anxiously took the field at the opening of last week's game against the Continental Devil Rays. It was their second of the season. The first two scheduled games were rained out.

"I'm feeling pretty good about today's game," Hoskins said, mimicking the bravado of the big league coaches. "We're undefeated you know. I predict our record will grow to 2 and 0."

His tongue-in-cheek comments reflect his "let's all have fun" coaching style supported by fellow coaches Sgt. Christopher Collis, and Hoskins' wife, Lisa, who played softball on these fields as a child when her father was stationed at Redstone.

T-ball games aren't officially scored but a tally of runs scored and outs is kept to keep the game moving along. An inning is limited to five runs scored or three outs per team, whichever comes first, with a one-hour game time limit.

"I think they're doing great," Lisa said. "They're getting really good with their catching and getting outs at first."

"The kids love it," Donna Bailey, mother of Blue Angel Michael, said. "It's good for them, too. They get out here and run off all that energy."

"I like batting the best," player Cody Estremera said. "We switch around all the positions (in the field) so I don't have just one spot I play. I like doing different things."

The Blue Angels put their hour to good use, picking off runners at first and second and a surprising play at home plate.

"Alex was on the mound and he managed to throw it to Michael who caught it and got the out at

# Archbishop for military service celebrates confirmation

*Seventeen candidates pass ritual at chapel*

By DAVID MACEDONIA  
For the Rocket

Archbishop Edwin O'Brien, archbishop for the military services, conferred Catholic confirmation to 17 candidates May 4 at Bicentennial Chapel.

A Catholic bishop is the normal and original minister of confirmation. It has been several years since an archbishop, a higher position than bishop in the Catholic church, has conferred Catholic confirmation at Redstone.

The archdiocese for the military services serves military personnel and families at 220 installations in 29 countries, patients in 172 Veterans Administration hospitals and is responsible for federal employees serving 134 countries. This represents more than 1.2 million Catholics. The headquarters for archdiocese for the military services is Washington, D.C.

Confirmation is a sacrament of initiation; one of the Catholic church's seven sacraments. Confirmation may be received only once. Catholics believe this sacrament strengthens baptized Christians and helps them to be active, caring followers of Jesus.

Confirmation instructors Chaplain (Col.) Michael Chilen, Barbara Markestad, Betty Bland and Jerry Hamilton spent the past 10 months preparing the candidates, and their parents, for this sacred rite by rigorous weekly classes



Courtesy photo

**PRAYER—** From left are Father Vincent Dela Rosa, Archbishop Edwin O'Brien and Chaplain (Col.) Michael Chilen.

consisting of reading, practical exercises and tests.

O'Brien conferred the confirmation sacrament by praying, placing his hands over each person to be confirmed, and saying, "Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit." He also anointed the one confirmed with holy oil (chrism) by tracing the sign of the cross on his or her forehead.

The recipients of confirmation included Cait Gorevin, Laura Macedonia, Meghan Smith, Jaime Bartholdmew, Anthony Lundquist, Luke Pfaff, Larissa McCaffrey, Jaclyn Allebach, Charles Bland, Nicole Carter, Xavier Frye, Miriam Huell, KaiLani Morgenroth, Jessica Rodriguez, Melanie Earwood, Sheryl Earwood and Emil Roy Sands.

More than 150 people attended the confirmation, and a reception followed at the Bicentennial Chapel fellowship room.

## ■ Advanced degrees awarded in business, management

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Darlene Thomas, MS Acquisition and Contract Management; Joyce Tincher, MS Management/HR Management; Jan Turner, Professional Master of Business Administration; Paul Turner, MS Engineering Management; Vanessa Turner,

MS Engineering Management; Garry Waggoner, MS Project Management; Rebecca Walker, MS Acquisition and Contract Management; Virginia Walker, MS Management/Information Systems; Terri Washburn, MS Management/Acquisition and Contract; Alan Watts, MS Acquisition and Contract Management; and Robert Wietzel, MS Acquisition and Contract Management.

# Claims office eases pain from shipment damages

*Soldiers reimbursed for property losses*

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No matter how carefully packed and planned, any move can have damages. No matter how well wrapped and padded, things get broken sometimes. Sometimes things don't arrive in one piece or at all.

When a servicemember arrives at his new post and his property resembles Humpty Dumpty at the end of the nursery rhyme, there are people who can help put it back together again. They can't fix your stereo, but they will pay for repairs or replace it altogether. They are members of the Claims Office.

"When a soldier leaves from one installation going to another one, and their goods are damaged in any type of way, then they have a right to come into the Claims Office and file a claim for reimbursement for those damages that the carrier caused on shipment," claims examiner James Friday said.

The mountain of paperwork and assorted forms that accompany a military move may seem tedious and unimportant, but it is not. Through this careful documentation the servicemember is protected should the worst occur. With this paperwork completed and filed within the generous time frame, your claim can be processed quickly and efficiently. The first documents required are the 1840/1840R forms given to the soldier when the carrier delivers his items. If damages can already be seen while the carrier is still there, then they should be



Photo by Kelley Lane

**EXAMINING FORMS**—James Friday of the Claims Office reviews the forms necessary to file a claim.

noted on the front of the form. Damages not noted until after they leave go on the back of the form. It's that simple. Upon delivery of your items at your new post, you have 70 days to complete and turn in three copies of the 1840/1840R forms to the claims office.

Why such an odd deadline? It's simple. This allows the government to make their deadline for notifying the carrier of damages and an impending claim. If the deadline has passed, the carrier is not responsible for their portion of the claim. That is then deducted from the total and consequently passed on to the servicemember. The government is only going to pay their part, not that of the carrier as well. Turning in your documentation on time can mean the difference between complete or partial reimbursement.

"The reason for the 1840/1840R is to notify the carrier that a claim is pending," Friday said. "If they do not notify the car-

rier that a claim is pending, and they come to us to file a claim without doing the initial paperwork, we are to deduct from them what we could have gotten from the carrier. So it's very important that they file the initial paperwork within 70 days to protect themselves."

Once you have turned in the 1840/1840R forms, you will receive the other necessary forms for your claim. These include a copy of your orders, a Government Bill of Leave, an inventory of your property, estimates of repair or replacement, and a direct deposit form. A claimant actually has much longer to file their claim once the 1840/1840R forms have been submitted and they have received the next set of forms.

"You have two years from the date of delivery," Friday said. "Everything is based on the date of delivery."

But what if you don't receive your things at the new post? What if they are placed in storage and you don't know that something is broken or missing until much later? It's OK. The 1840/1840R forms are due 70 days after you receive your property, not 70 days after you reach your new post. That means a little over two months after you actually have your hands on your things, whether that is two days after you reach your new post or two years or more later.

The amounts of claims can vary, from one item up to an entire household worth of goods. The maximum for claims is \$40,000.

"However, we at this level can only pay \$25,000. That's as far as our jurisdiction will let us go," Friday said. "So if a person loses their entire shipment and it's worth \$40,000 we will adjudicate it and if it comes out to be \$25,000 then we can

pay that at this level and then it would go forward to Fort Meade (Md.) to pay the remainder." Once all of the forms and documentation has been turned in, claims are usually handled and completed within 15 days. Small claims, under \$1,000, are usually done within three days. Large claims, such as an entire shipment, can take 30 days because of their complexity.

In an emergency situation, things can move a little faster. If a soldier was to lose his entire shipment and arrived at Redstone with nothing, an emergency payment of up to \$2,000 could be made while he is filling out the forms necessary to make his claim.

Lastly, do not rely on your carrier as your sole source of information, should damage occur. While most will not mislead you on purpose, they can simply be mistaken in their information. In order to have your claim handled as quickly as possible, be prepared. Oversee the inventory and packing of your things. Have more than one copy of inventories and documentation. If you have only one copy, Friday recommended that you hand carry it to your new post yourself. If keeping bundles of receipts and descriptions is not your style, consider taking pictures or videotaping a household inventory, paying special attention to model numbers and specific details of items. Contact the local claims office at your new post as soon as possible if you have damages. They will give you the information you need to recover as much of your loss as possible.

On Redstone, call James Friday at 876-9006 for more information. The Claims Office sees people on a walk-in basis and is located in building 111 off Goss Road.

# Tax scam targets families of servicemembers

*Telephone caller seeks credit card numbers*

IRS RELEASE

WASHINGTON — Although the federal tax filing season ended on April 15, the Internal Revenue Service continues to see new tax scams. Two new schemes target families of those serving in the armed forces and e-mail users. In both schemes, people represent themselves as being from the IRS.

The IRS has seen isolated instances of the scam that targets the families of those serving in the armed forces.

The IRS warns consumers to beware of any variation of a scenario in which a tele-

phone caller posing as an IRS employee tells a family member that he is entitled to a \$4,000 refund because his relative is in the armed forces and then requests a credit card number to cover a \$42 fee for postage. The scammer provides an actual IRS toll-free number as the call back number in order to make the call seem legitimate. However, the scammer then makes numerous unauthorized purchases with the victim's credit card number.

Genuine IRS employees who call taxpayers do not ask for credit card numbers or request fees for payment of a refund.

"Tax season may be over, but tax scams continue," IRS commissioner Mark Everson said. "These types of shameless schemes hold out the allure of easy money. The IRS warns taxpayers to be on

the lookout for these schemes. And we urge taxpayers to remember that the IRS does not charge for refunds or solicit credit card information."

In another scheme, victims receive an e-mail that appears to be from the IRS. The e-mail contains links to a non-IRS Internet web page that asks for personal and financial information. Such information could be used to steal the respondent's identity and get access to sensitive financial data or accounts.

Identity thieves can use someone's personal data to: take over his or her financial accounts; run up charges on the victim's existing credit cards; apply for loans, credit cards, services or benefits in the victim's name; or file fraudulent tax returns.

The IRS does not request sensitive personal or financial data by e-mail.

Both of these schemes are being reviewed by the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, which is authorized to investigate the misuse of the IRS name, insignia, seals and symbols.

Taxpayers who are on the receiving end of one of these scams should contact TIGTA by calling the toll-free fraud referral hotline at 1-800-366-4484, faxing a complaint to 202-927-7018 or writing to

the TIGTA Hotline, P.O. Box 589, Ben Franklin Station, Washington, D.C. 20044-0589. TIGTA's web site is located at [www.ustreas.gov/tigta](http://www.ustreas.gov/tigta).

These are hardly the first scams involving impersonation of an IRS employee or misuse of the IRS name.

In the past, scammers have impersonated IRS agents by going to taxpayers' houses to "collect taxes." Genuine IRS special agents, field auditors, and collection officers carry picture IDs and will normally try to contact the taxpayer before they visit.

In another scam, the scheme promoters sent out fictitious bank correspondence and phony IRS forms in an attempt to trick the recipients into disclosing their personal and banking data. The scheme promoters then used the information to impersonate the taxpayer and gain access to the taxpayer's finances.

Genuine IRS forms do not ask for sensitive personal and financial data except in very special circumstances.

Additional information on tax scams may be found on the genuine IRS web site, [IRS.gov](http://IRS.gov), by going to the Newsroom page and then clicking on the "Scams/Consumer Alerts" link under the Topics sidebar.

# Archbishop for military service celebrates confirmation

*Seventeen candidates pass ritual at chapel*

By DAVID MACEDONIA  
For the Rocket

Archbishop Edwin O'Brien, archbishop for the military services, conferred Catholic confirmation to 17 candidates May 4 at Bicentennial Chapel.

A Catholic bishop is the normal and original minister of confirmation. It has been several years since an archbishop, a higher position than bishop in the Catholic church, has conferred Catholic confirmation at Redstone.

The archdiocese for the military services serves military personnel and families at 220 installations in 29 countries, patients in 172 Veterans Administration hospitals and is responsible for federal employees serving 134 countries. This represents more than 1.2 million Catholics. The headquarters for archdiocese for the military services is Washington, D.C.

Confirmation is a sacrament of initiation; one of the Catholic church's seven sacraments. Confirmation may be received only once. Catholics believe this sacrament strengthens baptized Christians and helps them to be active, caring followers of Jesus.

Confirmation instructors Chaplain (Col.) Michael Chilen, Barbara Markestad, Betty Bland and Jerry Hamilton spent the past 10 months preparing the candidates, and their parents, for this sacred rite by rigorous weekly classes



Courtesy photo

**PRAYER—** From left are Father Vincent Dela Rosa, Archbishop Edwin O'Brien and Chaplain (Col.) Michael Chilen.

consisting of reading, practical exercises and tests.

O'Brien conferred the confirmation sacrament by praying, placing his hands over each person to be confirmed, and saying, "Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit." He also anointed the one confirmed with holy oil (chrism) by tracing the sign of the cross on his or her forehead.

The recipients of confirmation included Cait Gorevin, Laura Macedonia, Meghan Smith, Jaime Bartholdmew, Anthony Lundquist, Luke Pfaff, Larissa McCaffrey, Jaclyn Allebach, Charles Bland, Nicole Carter, Xavier Frye, Miriam Huell, KaiLani Morgenroth, Jessica Rodriguez, Melanie Earwood, Sheryl Earwood and Emil Roy Sands.

More than 150 people attended the confirmation, and a reception followed at the Bicentennial Chapel fellowship room.

## ■ Advanced degrees awarded in business, management

### Graduates

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Darlene Thomas, MS Acquisition and Contract Management; Joyce Tincher, MS Management/HR Management; Jan Turner, Professional Master of Business Administration; Paul Turner, MS Engineering Management; Vanessa Turner,

MS Engineering Management; Garry Waggoner, MS Project Management; Rebecca Walker, MS Acquisition and Contract Management; Virginia Walker, MS Management/Information Systems; Terri Washburn, MS Management/Acquisition and Contract; Alan Watts, MS Acquisition and Contract Management; and Robert Wietzel, MS Acquisition and Contract Management.

# Predators prove worth in war against terrorism

*Unmanned aerial vehicles used in Afghanistan, Iraq*

By GERRY J. GILMORE  
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WASHINGTON — The Air Force officer is a transport plane pilot, but these days his aircraft flies "solo," and he doesn't leave the ground.

Capt. Sam Vanzanten, 32, is an earth-bound controller of the Predator unmanned aerial vehicle. The eight-year military veteran noted he's been in the Predator program for the past two years.

Vanzanten, his armaments specialist, Air Force TSgt. George Russell, and their Predator were at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., May 16 for the kickoff ceremony at this year's Joint Service Open House.

The C-17 transport pilot said he'd put his UAV expertise to the test overseas in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The Predator was first used exclusively for reconnaissance missions, Vanzanten observed. He noted that unlike conventionally piloted aircraft, the UAV can remain airborne over a particular area for up to 20 hours.



Photo by Gerry J. Gilmore

**CREWLESS—** Air Force unmanned aerial vehicle specialists, TSgt. George Russell, left, and Capt. Sam Vanzanten pose in front of an Air Force Predator plane armed with Hellfire missiles.

Vanzanten also said that Hellfire-missile-packing Predators flew combat missions in Afghanistan and Iraq.

"People just started opening their eyes to the capability of the aircraft," he

explained, noting the Predator can play multifaceted roles over the battlefield.

Even if the Predator isn't armed, "we at least have a camera and a radio to 'talk' to other aircraft in the area," Vanzanten noted, to communicate target locations to pilots of conventional warplanes.

The Predator uses a lightweight, 4-cylinder snowmobile engine, Vanzanten explained, which powers a rear-mounted propeller, making the Predator a "pusher"-type aircraft.

Vanzanten said he watches a television monitor that displays images transmitted from the Predator's nose-mounted camera in remotely piloting the 2,250-pound UAV. The craft, he noted, "flies quite a bit like a glider, or a light aircraft."

Piloting the Predator takes some getting used to, Vanzanten acknowledged — learning how to land the UAV "is a little difficult for everybody, I think."

While other military aircraft braved

the rainy weather outside at the Open House, the remote-controlled plane, which was fitted with two wing-mounted, laser-guided Army Hellfire missiles, was ensconced inside Hangar 3.

Weapons specialist Russell noted those Hellfires can penetrate enemy armor and "were originally used on the Apache and the Cobra" Army helicopters.

"It's really an effective missile. I've seen it in action — it's very impressive," Russell declared, noting he's worked with Predators for about a year.

"The whole idea of an unmanned aerial vehicle — keeping people out of harm's way — is a phenomenal idea," the 28-year-old noncommissioned officer remarked. The Predator's composite airframe, he added, is easy to work on.

The employment of Predators in the war against global terrorism "offers a lot of different capabilities," Vanzanten explained, pointing out the UAV's "laserball" device that's used to guide the Hellfires to target.

And the Predator has been used in joint-combined operations, he continued, noting that during recent overseas deployments U.S. Air Force Predator crews worked with members of the other armed services, as well as British coalition forces.

Maj. Mark Valentine, 33, an F-16 fighter pilot with the 113th Operations Group, 121st Fighter Squadron, District of Columbia Air National Guard, was also at the May 16 Andrews Open House kickoff. Valentine, who'd recently returned stateside after flying combat missions during Operation Iraqi Freedom, praised the Predator.

The integration between conventionally piloted aircraft and UAVs "was outstanding" during the Iraq war, the major emphasized.

Predator pilots "would identify a target and we would drop (ordnance) on the target — that would happen quite often," Valentine remarked. He said that UAVs "obviously have the endurance to stay in an area a lot longer than we have, because they use less gas."

## ■ Flying Activity ready to launch open house

# Flying

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members and for members who join that day. It's just a small charge for non-members."

Among the 13 aircraft flying for the open house will be the crown jewel of the fleet — the Duchess, the club's newest plane and the only twin-engine in the inventory.

"A multi-engine aircraft is something we've been looking at for a long time," Thompson said. "One of our instructors purchased it and leased it back to us. This gives us the ability to do multi-engine license. And it's nice to have for multi-engine pilots who are flying them at other airports. We'll see how it does here."

About 20 pilots will be on hand for the open house, along with another 15 volunteers from the club who will be working registration, airplane dispatch and cooking the food.

Flights are scheduled on a first come, first serve basis. While waiting for their flight, patrons can peruse the ground displays, including an Avenger, Black Hawk and Apache helicopters, HEMSI med-flight helicopter and still in the works is a HEMSI ambulance and medical booth sponsored by Crestwood Hospital.

"There'll be a nurse to check your blood pressure before you go up," Thompson said with a chuckle. "You may want to check it after your flight and compare the two."

The down time will also give guests the opportunity to learn more about the

Flying Activity and its 335 members. The club rents 13 aircraft ranging in size and price from a two-seater Cessna 152 priced at \$47.50 per hour up to the twin-engine, four-seater Duchess at \$178 per hour.

"But we have four-seaters much less expensive than that," Thompson said. "We have a Cessna 172 that costs \$56.50 per hour. This is the best maintained and the best looking aircraft in North Alabama and southern Tennessee."

"We also have some of the finest instructor pilots in area," he added.

The estimated cost for a private pilot's license is \$3,500 including flight hours, instructor costs and ground school. A minimum of 40 hours is required but Thompson said few people earn their license in that amount of time.

"If you only fly once a week or less than that, it takes you longer because you have to relearn things," he said.

Students must be members of the Flying Activity. Dues are \$28 a month with no monthly commitment. Anyone interested in joining the club during the open house will need proof of eligibility (an Arsenal badge or letter from your contractor company) and a driver's license for proof of age, unless you are already a pilot — that being the case, bring a copy of your pilot's license and medical certificate.

"We have a cookout for members the third Saturday of every month," Thompson said. "And beginning May 27, aircraft scheduling for members goes online. It's going to be a great added convenience."

For more information about the club, sign up for a free newsletter or aircraft schedule, log on to [www.flyingactivity.com](http://www.flyingactivity.com).

## ■ U.S. and U.K. have provisional authority in Iraq

# Sanctions

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"But Iraq's disarmament obligations remain, and member states remain barred from assisting Iraq in acquiring weapons of mass destruction (and) proscribed missile systems or proceeding with civil nuclear activities, so long as those restric-

tions remain in effect," he said.

The resolution mandates that Iraq must meet its obligations to Kuwait and others who suffered from Saddam Hussein's aggression, dating from the Persian Gulf War.

Negroponte said the United States looks forward to working with representatives of the United Nations as together they help rebuild Iraq.

# Returning troops get counseling, reunion training

## Soldiers screened for stress problems

By JOE BURLAS  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Soldiers and Department of the Army civilians returning from Iraq will receive a lot of help in transitioning from the stress of combat operations to normal garrison life under a new Army plan.

Brig. Gen. Steven Schook, director of GI's Human Resources Policy Directorate, announced the implementation of the Deployment Cycle Support Contingency Plan at a Pentagon press conference May 13.

"America provides to the Army its most precious thing — its people — and we as an institution are going to do all we can to ensure that we bring our people back from doing America's duty and get them ready to be fully reintegrated back into American society," Schook said.

The plan calls for returning soldiers and civilians to remain with their unit or organization through mandatory medical and mental health screenings, as well as reunion training designed to ease soldiers' move back into family relationships before getting on a homeward-bound plane. Unit leaders will also use a new "tip card" to screen their soldiers for any personal problems — suicidal thoughts, financial troubles or possible causes of strained family relationships.

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director, GI's Human Resources Policy

"They may find if they've been gone six months to a year that their wife may have exerted a greater role in running the household," Schook said. "The kids have adjusted to the wife's new role in that household. So as they come back, they are going to find a different set of conditions in that home."

Family members will also be offered the opportunity to receive reunion training and to identify any issues in their family that might cause friction when the soldier returns through family readiness groups.

The screenings and reunion training, overseas and at home, will allow leaders to manage potential friction points for returning soldiers before they become serious problems, Schook said.

Another feature of the plan formally hands off identified soldiers' issues from leaders overseas to an official or agency at home station to follow up and resolve as needed.

The Army hasn't always done a good job of following through on issues identified during deployments — often leaving it up to individual soldiers to follow through once they got home, Schook said. Now, a soldier with a known financial issue, for example, will have an appointment with an Army Community Service financial counselor waiting for him upon return instead of maybe or maybe not making an appointment himself. That soldier will now have to see the counselor prior to taking any leave.

Once home, soldiers remain on duty with their units for up to 10 days — spending half of each day undergoing more integration training and evaluations — with the remaining half day free to spend with family or to take care of personal business. Once all members of the returning unit complete the plan's mandatory tasks, the soldiers are free to take "block leave," usually lasting two weeks.

In the past, soldiers returning from lengthy overseas deployments generally conducted an inventory of equipment, were given a safety briefing and then released on block leave. In some cases, commanders requested and got chaplains, family advocacy counselors and other specialists to brief soldiers prior to releasing them if those services were available.

Because the plan calls for many previously optional services to be mandatory and to avoid overloading home station staffs, the Army is prepared to augment those staffs "to focus forces at time and place of our choosing" with specialists from other places in the Army, Schook said.

Schook acknowledged last summer's string of five murders involving Fort Bragg, N.C., soldiers who had recently returned from operations in Afghanistan played a role in developing the DCS contingency plan. However, he said, it was not the only or even primary factor considered in developing the plan. Developing the plan was simply the right thing to do in an Army that has changed significantly since the Gulf War, Schook said.

One of those changes has been heavier reliance of the reserve component in current operations, at home and abroad. Another change has been the shift of a primarily unmarried force to a force where more than 50 percent are married. And, an operational tempo with an increased need for deployments has also played a role, Schook said.

The plan doesn't stop with the returning troops being sent home on leave. Returning soldiers, civilians and their family members will have access to a 1-800-based employee assistance program for a year after returning.

The EAP offers directions of where to get all types of services in the local community, mental health screening on the phone and up to six free face-to-face mental health visits with a professional outside the chain of command. This is of particular importance to the reserve component where units may be in armories hundreds of miles from an active-duty installation and thus do not have access to ACS or the medical system active-duty soldiers do, Schook said. It also allows a significant amount of privacy for soldiers or civilians who are concerned that seeking mental health assistance may impact their careers. The exception to privacy includes anything required by law to be reported, such as the commission of a crime.

While Schook wasn't ready to announce what units are coming home first and when, he did say the 1-800 EAP number will be up and running by early June. A similar program is already working for the Fort Bragg community under a separate contract. Likewise, the U.S. Army Recruiting Command has started using an EAP phone/web-based system for initial-entry soldiers and their family in the past year.

For Lt. Col. Glen Bloomstrom, a family ministry chaplain with the Office of the Chief of Chaplains, the DCS plan isn't a cure-all, but rather a process to better assist soldiers and civilians as they return.

"The purpose is leverage lessons learned (from past operations)," Bloomstrom said. "It's to allow systems already in place time to work. It is to allow commanders to catch issues before they become fixed over time and focus resources as needed."



Photo by Gerry J. Gilmore

## ***Rolling Thunder***

Hundreds of Rolling Thunder riders and members of other motorcycle clubs roar down Roosevelt Avenue May 24 at Arlington (Va.) National Cemetery. The motorcyclists were at Arlington for a wreath-laying ceremony, part of Rolling Thunder's annual Run for the Wall activities.

# Coach reaches goal of state soccer championship

*Logistics worker from St. Louis leads Bob Jones girls to title*

By SKIP VAUGHN

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An eight-hour work day wasn't enough for Ken Hudson. He'd finish his day here and then head to the soccer field at Bob Jones High.

There he'd coach the girls soccer team. Oh, and he'd also drive a bus to transport his younger players from Liberty Middle to the Bob Jones field. Then there were the long weekend trips to games in Birmingham or elsewhere, with Hudson behind the wheel.

The former St. Louis worker has been coaching the Bob Jones girls team for six years but everything came to fruition this year. The Lady Patriots won the first state championship in school history.

"It was fun," said Hudson, a logistics management specialist in the Maintenance Directorate at the Integrated Materiel Management Center. "I mean the girls enjoyed the heck out of it. They enjoyed it and earned it."

The Bob Jones girls finished 20-6-3, earning the Class 6A title with a 1-0 shootout win over Oak Mountain in the final May 10 at John Hunt Park. The Lady Patriots outshot Oak Mountain 5-4 in

penalty kicks as freshman Meghan Bailey made the deciding kick and junior goalkeeper Erica Wales stopped the opposition.

Hudson set the tone last year after Bob Jones was eliminated in the first round of the playoffs and finished 13-7-2. Disappointed at the outcome, he challenged his players to improve.

"When they came out this year, they came out with a whole new attitude," he said. "And they pretty much responded to what we were trying to get them to do."

His players didn't have any major injuries during the season and jelled as a team. They beat section foe Grissom 3-2 in a shootout to set up their postseason run. The Lady Patriots were determined they wouldn't lose in the single elimination playoffs, and they didn't.

"Defensively we played very well. Offensively we played good enough to win and that's what you've got to do when it comes to the tournament," Hudson said. "Plus I don't think I've ever had a team that worked as hard in practices and in a game."

Erin Bunyard, granddaughter of former Redstone commander Jerry Max Bunyard, has started at sweeper since her freshman year and will be a senior on next year's team.

"As a coach, he's pretty calm about stuff for the most part unless he gets excit-



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**ON TARGET—** Redstone worker Ken Hudson coached the Bob Jones girls soccer team to the Class 6A championship.

ed," she said of Hudson. "I like to think of him as strategic and calculating. He records everything in his notebook. He's very calculating. He's very organized. He's tried out some new stuff with the team that's really worked. He can read our chemistry really well."

Hudson, 51, originally from Florissant, Mo., worked with the aviation command in St. Louis before moving to Madison in August 1997 with the merger of the Army's aviation and missile functions. He had been coaching at his alma mater, the University of Missouri in St. Louis, since 1978. He was field hockey coach for two years and then started the women's soccer team in 1980. He also coached at St. Dominic High from 1993-97 in nearby O'Fallon, Mo., as assistant girls varsity soccer coach and junior varsity girls head coach.

Redstone worker Sue Wilkerson knew Hudson's coaching background and told him that Bob Jones was seeking a girls soccer coach. Hudson applied and got the job in 1998. It's not a faculty position and he gets paid for contract services. "I'm doing it more for the enjoyment than actual monetary gains," he said, laughing.

His hours here are 6 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. which works well for coaching during the season. School lets out at 3:15 p.m. and practice starts at 3:30. Bob Jones athletic director Bobby Jackson suggested to his coaches this year that they should earn their bus driving certification; so that added to Hudson's duties.

"If you're going to play competitively in Alabama, you've got to go to Birmingham," Hudson said. "We put around 2,500 miles on a school bus so we did our share of traveling this year. But I guess we reaped the reward in the end."

Hudson earned a bachelor's degree in education in 1975 from the University of Missouri in St. Louis. At 5-foot-9, he was a starting defender on the NCAA Division II national championship soccer team in 1973, the only national title in the school's history.

He and his wife, Kathy, married since 1976, have two daughters: Lisa, 23, who graduated in 2001 from Jacksonville State University with a degree in criminal forensics; and Becky, 21, who graduated from Bob Jones in 2000, from Calhoun College this year and will be a junior this fall at Middle Tennessee State, probably majoring in journalism. Becky played one year for Hudson at Bob Jones.

The Lady Patriots lose only two starters, Kelly McAlear and Dana Yeske, out of five graduating seniors from this year's team. Megan Reichert was a starter for most of the season.

"Basically the whole defense is coming back and over half the offense so we should be competitive next year, too," Hudson said. "We've gotten better every year. So I'm looking for good things from this group, too. I think they understand they've got targets on their back (as defending champions)."

# Delta Company makes bid for triple crown

## Devastating Dragons seek volleyball title

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Delta Company looks like a team for all seasons.

The Devastating Dragons seek their third straight troop sports championship after winning in flag football and basketball. They're favored to add the volleyball trophy to their collection.

"We're trying for that triple crown, like in horse racing," Delta coach Cedric Tims said. "For the regular season, it looked pretty good. We'll just have to see what happens in the postseason."

Delta is the No. 1 seed in the postseason, double-elimination tournament scheduled to start tonight at 6 at Pagano Gym.

"I don't think that there's a clear-cut winner right now because there are so many good teams out there," Tims said. "But I do think we have an advantage by beating everybody during the regular season. Because we had a great second half

of the season gives us a slight advantage over everybody else."

But the Devastating Dragons (12-2) stumbled Thursday against rival HHC 59th (11-3). The 59th beat Delta 25-0, 27-25.

Delta's top players include Stanley Lewis, Jerri Beamon, Clarissa Buchanan, Mindy Stuart, Doug Smith and Tyrone Tenton.

Standings after last week's games included Delta (12-2), HHC 59th (11-3), Headquarters & Alpha (10-4), Bravo (10-4), Marines (5-9), AMCOM (4-10), NCO Academy (3-11) and Charlie (1-13).

Here are results from week five:

May 19 - Charlie won by forfeit over AMCOM; Delta d. Headquarters & Alpha 25-10, 25-22; and the Marines d. NCO Academy 25-18, 25-18.

May 20 - Bravo won by forfeit over Charlie; HHC 59th d. Marines 26-24, 25-15; and AMCOM won by forfeit over NCO Academy.

May 21 - Headquarters & Alpha d. Charlie 25-11, 25-7; and Bravo won by forfeit over NCO Academy.

May 22 - AMCOM d. Marines 25-21, 28-30, 15-10; and HHC 59th d. Delta 25-0, 27-25.

# Hot rods, imports rolling in line for show time

## 'Cars and Camouflage' to raise funds in July

By KIM GILLESPIE  
For the Rocket

Are you looking for a way to support the troops? Do you love cars? If the answer is yes to either of these questions, then Army Emergency Relief could use your help at its first car show fund-raiser.

"Cars and Camouflage" will be held July 19 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the parking area off Zeus Road near Gate 10.

"We need volunteers for a wide range of activities," SFC Thomas Perkins, operations sergeant for Fox Army Health Center and coordinator for the show, said. "But supporting this car show, with all its antiques, classics, imports and hot rods will be a lot of fun for volunteers. And the proceeds will help support soldiers and their family members."

AER supports Army families during times of need by providing grants, loans and other assistance.

Volunteers are needed for everything from directing participants to staging areas and traffic control for public parking areas, to registration, setup and judging. "We do prefer that individuals volunteering for judging have experience with car judging, or at least have been in the hobby of working or restoring cars. We need people that have a working knowledge of the effort that goes into preparing a car for show," Perkins said.



Courtesy photo  
**SHOW ENOUGH—** This classic Chevrolet Camaro is the type ride you'll see at the AER car show.

Anyone interested is encouraged to volunteer; and the only restriction is that individuals be at least 14. The car show is an outdoor event, but volunteers will be provided access to an air conditioned area for breaks, a free lunch and drinks. "Funds permitting, we also hope to be able to provide a free T-shirt to identify volunteers and workers and commemorate this first-time event," Perkins said.

The car show is being held in conjunction with Armed Forces Week, July 14-18. More than 30 cars are already registered for the event. Car registration is a \$15 donation per vehicle, with proceeds benefiting AER. The show is open to all car and truck makes and models; and classes will be established by manufacturer years. Trophies will be awarded for first, second and third place, and in the categories of "People's Choice" and "Best in Show."

Potential volunteers and car registrants can reach Perkins at 955-8888, ext. 1141 or thomas.perkins@se.amedd.army.mil.

# Saunders wins RDEC 5K benefit run

## Annual event raises \$700 for emergency relief fund

The day belonged to a strong female runner and Army Emergency Relief.

Barbara Saunders won the second annual RDEC 5K, May 14 near Corporal Road toward Gate 5. She finished in 19 minutes and 29 seconds for the best time among the 70 participants. Twenty others just purchased T-shirts; and the event raised \$700 for Army Emergency Relief.

"The weather was great," said Saunders, 44, a system analyst in Systems Simulation Directorate. "It was overcast. I thought it was going to rain, so it was cool. Good running weather."

Saunders, a Harvest resident who works for contractor Torch Technologies, took the lead about three-fourths of a mile into the 3.1 miler. She runs about 40 miles a week.

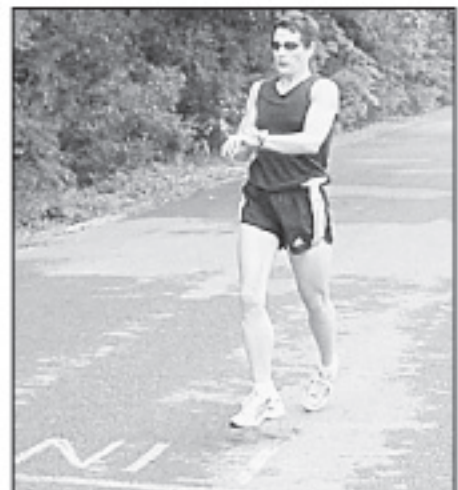
The male winner was Jeff Hager of Comanche Program Office in 20:05.

Gayle Morrell of the Marines (22:08) and Sam Hutcheson of Redstone Technical Test Center (20:20) had the best times for ages 20-35. Janet Haenisch of Systems Simulation Directorate (22:04) and Dan Shumate of Technical Integration (20:22) won for ages 36-49. Allan Gamble of Advanced Concepts (22:34) had the best time for ages 50 and up.

Redstone Technical Test Center won

the group division with an average time of 21:25 for its top three finishers.

Organizers for the event were Carolyn Farmer and Justin Olander of Research Development and Engineering Center. Sponsors included Sam's Wholesale Club, Publix Super Markets Inc., Home Depot, Bruno's on Bailey Cove Road, Bruno's on Highway 72, Food World on North Memorial Parkway, Kroger, and Winn-Dixie on Whitesburg Drive. Bowman's Enterprises Inc. donated the award plaques.



Courtesy photo  
**BEST OVERALL—** Barbara Saunders checks her watch at the finish line.

# Genetics help breed best missile designs

*Research center engineers use new software tools*

By JIM BOWNE  
For the Rocket

The Research Development and Engineering Center is concerned about shrinking research and development funds. It is also concerned about receiving increased requirements to design, analyze and develop complex missile systems that have shortened timelines. However, the RDEC continues to develop creative solutions.

One such solution is the Army Missile Collaborative Design Environment. "AMCODE is revolutionizing the way the center deals with budget shortfalls and condensed timelines," George Sanders, an aerospace engineer with the RDEC and program manager for AMCODE, said.

"The AMCODE is an electronic environment designed specifically to automate and optimize AMRDEC's workflow process in both customer support and technology development programs," Sanders said. "It's also relatively new — something we've developed over the past several years but that we are now putting into practice here. In the past, when we would get requirements from the technical community, it might be months before we were able to arrive at a baseline design. This was not an efficient way to get things done."

Sanders feels that producing better and more efficient weapon system designs, with less funding and less time, will be impossible if they continue using status quo design and analysis techniques without means of electronic collaboration and optimization.

"Traditionally, collaboration on missile designs consists of a design team consisting of subject matter experts who share paper documents, attend meetings and brief each other on developments as they occur," he said. "Sometimes, face-to-face meetings are the best way to communicate. But today's technology affords a much more efficient and cost effective medium for managing sophisticated design data."

## Collaborative design environment

Sanders believes that using the right mix of software tools, along with RDEC's subject matter experts, is critical to creating a unique missile design environment that is both cost effective and efficient.

"The key to identifying the proper mix of today's technology to accomplish an electronic collaborative design environment lies in understanding the current design environment within the AMRDEC, as well as adapting the correct mix of tools that both preserves the existing knowledge-based infrastructure and allows rapid access to accurate and up-to-date design information," he said.

To successfully apply this enabling technology required implementing three major technologies and integrating a seamless electronic interface. "To meet this goal, we identified three key areas of technology: the use of a genetic algorithm



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**USER SYSTEM—** The Compact Kinetic Energy Missile is among the missiles that benefit from the use of genetic algorithms to synthesize optimal design.

missile design synthesis tool; the development of a web-based, centralized project management system; and the detailed design and optimization function," Sanders said.

The first area of technology involves using a genetic algorithm tool for the concept exploration phase of the design. The tool is fed by system design and performance requirements and uses prediction codes and simulation linked to a genetic algorithm using "digital glue," a new technology using scripting languages. The genetic algorithm uses all of the codes to solve for a series of best initial design points, based on system requirements and design goals. Technical design information is stored in, and retrieved from, the centralized project management system database.

The second technology area is the development of a web-based, centralized project management system called the AMCODE Data Access Management system. ADAM is used for storage of all key design and performance data related to a project.

The third area, the detailed design and optimization function, consists of the detailed design by subject matter experts using concept definition results. AMCODE will allow for electronic links to functional area subject matter experts' design tools. This function will also store and retrieve data from ADAM. Analysis of an existing missile system's performance is also conducted in this area of technology by using a simulation linked to computer-aided design, prediction and analysis tools, and constructive analysis tools.

"The product of this collaborative design environment will result in detailed design and performance information that can be used to manufacture test articles and feed high-level constructive analysis tools," Sanders said. "All design iterations, as well as reports, will be archived in ADAM and preserved for future reference."

## Genetic algorithms

The Research Development and Engineering Center asked Auburn University to investigate the use of genetic algorithms in the missile design process to learn the potential benefits of using genetic algorithms in a missile design optimization process. A missile synthesis tool containing a genetic algorithm was developed, and this tool links a genetic algorithm with a 6-DOF simulation, aerodynamics prediction code, simple seeker, adaptive auto pilot, mass properties code, and solid rocket motor internal ballistics code. The missile synthesis tool uses the speed and power of today's computers to fully investigate the missile design space. The tool is provided with mission requirements, design goals, and design constraints set by the subject matter experts. It then tirelessly tries thousands of designs, while learning which design features work and which ones do not.

Genetic algorithms define a portion of the much broader computer science field known as artificial intelligence. "Genetic algorithms" are so-called because they attempt to use the supposition of "survival of the fittest" as the basic mechanism of improvement for solving a problem. Members of a population compete against each other, and the fittest performer survives while the poor performers do not. All genetic algorithm work, including what was done on this task, stems from the pioneering efforts of John Holland, whose work set the foundation for population-based adaptive optimizers.

Genetic algorithms are not new to the scientific community, but they are new to missile design at RDEC. "A missile design involves many different variables at system and subsystem levels," Sanders said. "The missile synthesis tool makes use of broad-level design variables set by the AMRDEC's subject matter experts.

"We can use genetic algorithms to synthesize the optimal design of many classes of missiles we deal with at the AMRDEC, from LOS (Line-of-Sight) to Loitering NLOS (Non Line-of-Sight).

"The genetic algorithm approach produces a starting place in the design process, not the final design. We're not implying that one engineer sitting behind a computer can push a button and out pops a missile design. The genetic algorithm approach requires that each subject matter expert on the design team be responsible for setting up the boundaries and resolutions that control the design code to give the results legitimacy and credibility. But by using this strategy, we can turn around missile designs in just days. It replaces months of manpower and takes days and, in some cases, only hours to do. We call it the 'Rapid Concept Exploration Phase.'"

RDEC has been working on and off with Auburn University over the past 20 years, leveraging technology out of academia and into the center. Last year RDEC asked Auburn University to develop a working prototype for a proof-of-principle study.

## Promising results

"The results look promising," Sanders said. "We've modified their prototype and are now in the process of conducting an experiment using their genetic algorithms with our simulation architecture."

This collaborative design environment is applicable across the total missile life-cycle spectrum, from initial concept development to producing new systems.

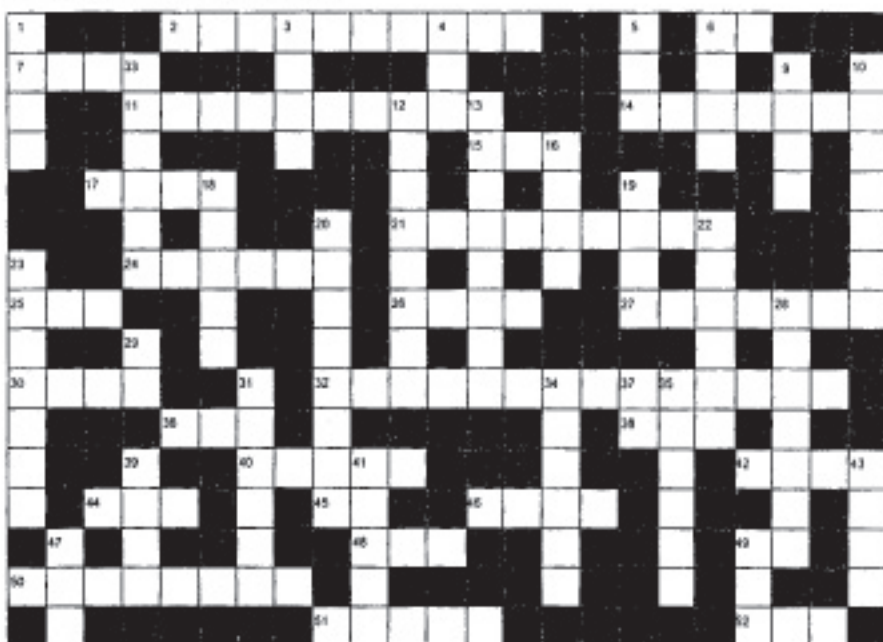
"To summarize," Sanders said, "the AMCODE enables the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center to greatly improve the efficiency of the missile design and analysis process. The three main areas of technology, that I've just discussed, provide an architecture that preserves the AMRDEC resource structure and, at the same time, organizes and preserves all information used in the design and analysis process."

"The AMCODE is designed to reduce the footprint involved in the design cycle by automating and optimizing the time-consuming trade-off analysis necessary to arrive at a suitable starting point in the design process. Data and information is made readily available to all members of a design team."

The AMCODE takes a giant step in breaking down the barriers to missile design, according to Sanders.

"This environment would not work without the individuals who work at the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center," he said. "This would be a complete failure without input from each subject matter expert in the missile design process. Computers alone do not create missiles. Regarding missile component design, the corporate knowledge contained at the AMRDEC is second to none. What we have here is a gold mine of expertise."

## LEGAL CROSSWORD



## ACROSS

2. lack of reasonable care  
 6. low degree  
 7. a legal dispute  
 11. one who commits a wrong  
 14. court officer who maintains order  
 15. this amendment first proposed in 1923 and ratified by 35 states still is not part of the US Constitution  
 17. document distributes deceased's estate  
 21. special right or status  
 24. induce a person to commit an unlawful or wrongful act  
 25. government agency that protects the planet, abbr.  
 26. revise a document  
 27. try to do something  
 30. pay this or be homeless  
 32. establish this to admit evidence, three wds  
 36. Uncle Sam's money  
 38. institute a lawsuit against another person  
 40. group of people assembled to decide administrative matters  
 42. jump this and bounty-hunters will trail you  
 44. old-fashioned lie  
 45. abbr. of trust res  
 46. take the money and run  
 48. non-singing felons get this  
 49. in other words, abbr.  
 50. get this from the seller when you purchase goods or property  
 51. offshore asset protection \_\_\_\_\_  
 52. Nicholas Cage's role

## DOWN

1. military rules  
 3. murder sentence  
 4. abbr. of the phrase "no legal objection"  
 5. slang for apprehending criminal  
 6. "walls do not a prison make, nor iron bars a cage."  
 9. three down, hal  
 10. aka, deponent  
 12. Latin "under penalty"  
 13. unilateral unmaking of a contract  
 16. buyer beware!, two wds.  
 18. printed words that tarnish reputation  
 19. national law, the purpose of which is to prevent or eliminate damage to the environment and biosphere, abbr.  
 20. free of guilt  
 22. all your worldly possessions  
 23. out-of-court gossip  
 28. referee a legal dispute  
 29. Latin "and", conjugation  
 31. subject matter specialist  
 33. rules of conduct  
 34. serious crime  
 35. co-signer  
 37. plural pronoun  
 39. fibber  
 41. mistake of law or fact  
 43. hinders title  
 47. shoplifter dismissal from a military post  
 49. business abbreviation

*Editor's note: The Legal Office will provide the answers in the June 4 issue.*

# Announcements



## Sports & Recreation

### Bicycle ride

The second annual Tour de Arsenal Bicycle Ride is rescheduled June 3 at 5 p.m., sponsored by the Jacob Sverdrup Marshall Space Flight Center Group Support contract Employee Welfare and Morale Committee. The 18-mile ride, starting at the NASA Exchange Fitness Center parking lot at Morris and Digney roads, roughly follows the historical railroad route around the southern part of Redstone Arsenal. Helmets are mandatory. For more information, call Jamie Miernik 544-6534.

### Conference golf tourney

In conjunction with the Army T&E Days 2003 Conference, a golf tournament will be held June 3 at 8 a.m. at the Canebrake Country Club in Athens. Fee is \$60. Registration information is on the web site: [www.testevaldays.com](http://www.testevaldays.com) or call Sherry Hilley 842-6715.

### Golf sweepstakes

The U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center, event sponsor, and Redstone Golf Course are hosting a spring golf driving range promotion, "Lucky Bucket Sweepstakes," through June 30. The promotion is targeted at all ages and skill levels. Winners must be authorized MWR patrons — active/retired/Guard/Reserve military, DoD/NASA civilian or contractor and dependents. Two "Great Golf Escape" vacation packages will be randomly drawn Armywide at the end of the nine-week promotion. In addition, instant prizes are awarded on the spot when you find the red "lucky" ball in your bucket of driving range balls. The more you participate, the greater your chances are of winning. Call 883-7977 for more information.

### Youth golf clinic

Registration is under way for the Youth Services Golf Clinic. You may register your child Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at building 1500 on Weeden Mountain Road. Golf Clinics will be held June 2-6 and June 16-20 from 9 to 11 a.m. followed by course Play Days each Thursday until school begins. The instructor is Chip Enlow, PGA pro. Price per child is \$50, plus annual central enrollment fee of \$15 if not already registered. Clinic space is limited to the first 50 youth registered per clinic. This is open to the entire Redstone community. Call 876-3704 or 313-3699 for more information.

### Alabama sports festival

Registration is under way for the 2003

Alabama Sports Festival XXI State Games, June 26-29 in Huntsville. Opening ceremonies are June 27 at 7 p.m. in the Von Braun Center. "This is Alabama's largest, Olympic-style, multisport event for amateur athletes of any age or skill level," a prepared release said. For more information, visit the festival's web site at [www.alagames.com](http://www.alagames.com) or call (800) 467-0422.

### Singles golf association

The Huntsville chapter of the American Singles Golf Association will hold an organizational meeting June 12 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Logan's Roadhouse in Huntsville. For more information, call Lori Crider 464-7945.

### Youth gymnastics

Child and Youth Services will hold Kindernastics beginning June 3 from 9:15-10 a.m. for children ages 2-5 at the Youth Center, building 3148. "Kindernastics focuses on individual improvement and building self-esteem," a prepared release said. "Our classes use gymnastics as a way to teach life skills through active movement. Children will learn to hop, balance, swing, roll, jump, skip and much more." This is open to children whose parents work on, live on, or can access Redstone Arsenal. Cost is \$20 per month and plus \$15 CYS Central Enrollment Registration fee if not already registered. Children attending Child Development Center will be escorted to the Youth Center by a child care provider with completed DA 5222-R (Sponsor Consent Form). To enroll, go to or call CYS Central Enrollment at building 1500 on Weeden Mountain Road, phone 313-3699 or 876-3704.

### Fitness achievement program

Redstone Arsenal Recreation and Fitness Achievement Program, a new activity for you and your family, encourages individuals to enjoy life by participating in recreational and fitness activities, as well as making healthy life choices. The program is designed to motivate individuals to be active throughout life and emphasizes regular participation in activities rather than outstanding performances. Select an activity, complete the requirements in the specified time allowed, all while documenting your progress. To receive your award (certificate and your picture on the MWR web page), turn in your progress sheet (log), personal data sheet, and \$5 to one of the MWR fitness centers. Choices include swimming, golf, bird watching, gardening, tennis, wood work, jogging, weight loss, smoking cessation, reading and more — over 100 activities in all. After completing five activities, participants receive a RFAP T-shirt. For more information, go to [www.redstonemwr.com](http://www.redstonemwr.com).

### Hunter safety courses

Outdoor Recreation is holding Alabama State Hunter Safety Courses throughout the summer and fall from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. at Toftoy Hall, building 3495 on Patton Road. The classes will be held in two-day sessions on June 7 and 14, July 12 and 19, Aug. 9 and 16, Sept. 6 and 13, and Oct. 4 and 11. Class sign-up ends the Wednesday before the first session of each class. By Army regulation, anyone hunting on Army property must have, without exception, passed an NRA or state approved Hunter Education Safety Course. You may sign up by calling 876-4868 or 876-6854.



## Conferences & Meetings

### Test and evaluation days

The Army T&E Days 2003 Conference exhibits — government and industry hardware and booths relating to test capabilities — will be open to the Redstone community on the following dates and times: June 4 from 9-11 a.m., June 4 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. (no bus will run) and June 5 from 9-11 a.m. Research Development and Engineering Center will run a bus on the mornings only June 4-5. The bus will pick up at building 5400, 5681 and 5302 on the following schedule: 8 a.m. at south entrance (Sela wing) building 5400, 8:15 a.m. at building 5681 (parking lot) and 8:30 a.m. at building 5302 (gym/cafe/entrance parking lot). It will drop everyone off at the South Hall, Von Braun Center entrance. It will depart at 10:30 a.m. to return all back to the appropriate buildings. If you miss the bus for your return, you will have to make other arrangements to return to work as the exhibit closes to the Redstone community at 11. You must have a DoD, Marshall Space Flight Center or contractor badge for entrance into the exhibit. For more information call Sherry Hilley, staff support specialist in the T&E Management Office, 842-6715 or 955-0217.

### Alcoholics anonymous

An Alcoholics Anonymous group meets each Thursday at 11 a.m. in Sparkman Center building 5304, room 4309. For information call 313-1478. The Redstone Arsenal group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets each Wednesday at noon and Friday at 5:15 p.m. in room 11 of Bicentennial Chapel.

### Toastmasters

Are you nervous about speaking in front of people? Do you get butterflies in your stomach? No problem. Learn the art of speaking by joining Toastmasters. Two clubs meet for one hour every week: Strategic Speakers meets at SMDC room

2E1200, Tuesday 11:30-12:30, call John Johnson 313-3634 or Matt Boenker 721-7006, extension 119; and Communicators Club meets Thursday 11:30-12:30 at Sparkman Center building 5304, call Ron Legowik 876-5619.



## Miscellaneous

### Thrift shop

The Thrift Shop, building 3209 on Hercules Road, is open for shopping Wednesdays 9-5, Thursdays and Fridays from 9-4. Walk-in consignment hours are Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9-12:30. Appointments are Wednesdays and Thursdays 12:30-3. Donations are accepted and tax slips are available. The shop is now accepting handmade craft items for consignment. It is a collection site for New Futures; so bring your cell phones that are in working order (Audiovox, Ericsson, Kyocera 3035, Motorola and Nokia). The shop can recycle all your inkjet, fax, printer, copier, and laser jet cartridges. The shop seeks volunteers. For more information, call 881-6992.

### Butler High reunions

Butler High class of 1983 will have its 20-year reunion Aug. 29-30. For information call Tammy 721-2246 or Kelly 829-1427. Butler's classes of 1968 and 1969 are having their 34th and 35th year reunion June 20-21; and for more information call Jeanne Sharpe King 772-1963 or Robin Hal Brewer 325-1018.

### Lee High reunion

Lee High class of 1973 will have its 30-year reunion July 11-12. For information call Bob Mathis (256) 519-7674 or Teresa Walker Beasley (931) 937-8504.

### Motorcycle safety course

The Department of Defense and Department of Army require all soldiers who operate motorcycles either on or off post to have satisfactorily completed an approved Motorcycle Safety Course. This requirement also applies to all individuals who operate a motorcycle on DoD installations. Motorcyclists will be required to show proof of meeting this requirement when registering or renewing a motorcycle on Redstone Arsenal. The Experienced Rider Course is scheduled June 14 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. This training will be provided free of cost for military and DoD civilians. To qualify for the ERC, a rider must have at least one year experience and have ridden more than 1,000 miles. These requirements are reduced to six months and 500 miles if the rider has completed a

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**Basic Rider Course.** Individuals under 18 must have a parent or legal guardian sign a required waiver form before starting the course. Riders must bring a valid driver license with motorcycle endorsement to the course. Enrollees must provide a street-legal motorcycle which will need to pass an inspection by the rider coaches. The inspection includes tires and wheels, controls, lights, oil, chassis and kickstand. Motorcycles should be properly insured. Class participants should also provide their own helmet and all required safety gear. To register for the course, call Bryan Lorge 842-8622.

## Association scholarship

The Army Space and Missile Defense Association will award a \$1,000 scholarship in August. Applications are due by July 15. For more information, call Bob Belton of Quantum Research International 971-1800, ext. 257.

## Logistics course

The Tennessee Valley Chapter of the International Society of Logistics is offering a 50-hour Logistics Management course. The course provides a comprehensive review of logistics, preparing interested students for the next CPL exam scheduled Nov. 1. For more information, call Joyce Bilodeau 842-9968.

## Summer reading program

Child and Youth Services sponsors "Heating It Up With Books at Redstone," a summer reading program, through July 31. Children of active duty, retired and Guard/Reserve military, DoD, Army, Redstone/NASA contractors and dependents may participate. Trophies will be awarded to the top readers. For more information, visit [www.redstonemwr.com](http://www.redstonemwr.com) or call Pam Berry 955-6309.

## Newcomer orientation

Learn about Redstone Arsenal by attending the Army Community Service Newcomers' Orientation at 8:30 a.m. June 3 at building 3338. The orientation features speakers, information booths, refreshments, and a bus tour of Redstone Arsenal. Participants receive Morale, Welfare and Recreation bucks redeemable at MWR activities. Attendance is mandatory for active duty personnel permanently stationed at Redstone Arsenal. Spouses are encouraged to attend. Free child care is offered. For more information, call Mary Breeden 876-5397.

## Youth sponsorship

Youth Sponsorship Training will be held on the first Tuesday of each month from 4-4:30 p.m. at the Youth Center, building 3148. Youth (grades 6-12) that would like

to become a Youth Sponsor or youth that have recently moved to the Redstone community are invited. For more information, call Pam Berry 955-6309.

## Stamp show

The Huntsville Philatelic Club will hold its 36th annual stamp show Saturday and Sunday at the Tom Beville Center on the University of Alabama-Huntsville campus. Huntspex 2003 will honor the 50th anniversary of the first launch of the Redstone Rocket, a liquid-fueled rocket developed in the U.S. using German V-2 technology. Admission to the show is free; and there will be a large area of stamp collection exhibits and dealer booths.

## Flying activity

The Redstone Arsenal Flying Activity will be have its annual Open House, Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is free. There will be mini flying lessons for \$25 for adults and \$20 for children 12 and under. For more information, call 881-3980 or 880-9495.

## Parent and child classes

"Mommy and Me" classes are for you and your toddler ages 18 months through 3 years. Each class will focus on parent-child bonding with an emphasis on rhythm and movement. Class activities promote hand-eye coordination, motor skill development and balance. Cost is \$20 per month and classes will be held each Tuesday at the Youth Center, building 3148, from 10:15-11 a.m. beginning June 3. This class is open to the entire Redstone community, including contractors. To enroll go to or call CYS Central Enrollment at building 1500 Weeden Mountain Road, phone 313-3699 or 876-3704.

## Birthday bash

The Officers and Civilians Club will hold its quarterly Birthday Bash this Thursday for members and their spouses to celebrate birthdays in April, May and June. Birthday dinner is free to any member or member's spouse with a birthday during those months. Non-birthday price is \$13.95 per person. Call 830-2582 for tickets or more information.

## Asian Pacific celebration

The Asian Pacific American Heritage Month celebration sponsored by Marshall Space Flight Center is today from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Morris Auditorium, building 4200. Daphne Kwok, executive director of the Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies, is scheduled speaker. For more information, call Bernard Collier of the garrison Equal Employment Opportunity office 876-

9223 or Charles Scales of NASA EEO 544-4927.

## Space talk

A space-related talk, sponsored by the Huntsville L5 Society chapter of the National Space Society, will be held June 5 from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library auditorium, 915 Monroe St. Topic is "Advanced In-Space Propulsion for Exploring the Solar System," by Les Johnson, manager of NASA in-space propulsion technology projects. The event is open to the public and admission is free. For more information, call Ronnie Lajoie 721-1083.

## Gospel concert

The Delta Sigma Theta Sorority choir will present its sixth annual gospel concert, "Sisters in Praise," at 4:30 p.m. June 8 at First Missionary Baptist Church, 3509 Blue Spring Road. For more information, call Brigitte Fletcher 859-8003 or Deborah Nious 830-8029.

## Car show helpers

Volunteer are needed for the Army Emergency Relief fund-raising car show, "Cars and Camouflage," July 19 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the parking area off Zeus Road near Gate 10. Volunteers are needed for everything from directing participants to staging areas and traffic control for public

parking areas, to registration, setup and judging (some experience or background is required for those volunteering to judge). Individuals interested in volunteering should call SFC Thomas Perkins 955-8888, ext. 1141 or e-mail him at [thomas.perkins@sc.amedd.army.mil](mailto:thomas.perkins@sc.amedd.army.mil).

## Surplus sales

For NASA/Marshall Space Flight Center surplus property sales, visit the following web site: [www.gsaauction.gov](http://www.gsaauction.gov).

## Community service award

WAFF television channel 48 has earned a national award for community service. The "Friend in Need Award" honors one television station in the nation for outstanding service in the face of natural disasters and other potentially life threatening situations. The award will be presented to WAFF June 9 at the annual Service to America Summit in Washington, D.C.

## Employment readiness

An employment readiness class is designed to enhance your job search efforts. Information will cover self-assessment, researching career interests, resume writing, and how to answer tough interview questions. The class will be held June 11 at 9 a.m. at Army Community Service, building 3338. To register call 876-5397.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

## Family cookout

SSgt. Robby Hoskins of Headquarters & Alpha Company grills hamburgers for the unit's family readiness group Thursday. The outing included a dunking booth.

# ARMY POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS REDSTONE ARSENAL AND HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA AREA

ANNOUNCEMENTS	POSITION TITLE	CLOSING	ORGANIZATION	PAY PLAN	GRADE	POT	PAY RANGE	WHO CAN APPLY?															
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THE FOLLOWING ARMY ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.CPOL.ARMY.MIL

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03BK0178293FM2	Lead General Engineer	29-May-03	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	79,663 - 121,817	X	X	X	X											
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03BK0180900VW1	Electronics Engineer	31-May-03	SMDC	GS-0855	14	14	79,663 - 103,564	X														
SCBK03185167	Human Resources Spec (Compensation)	2-Jun-03	CPAC PT	GS-0201	11	11	47,299 - 61,494	X														
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SCBK03180128	Equipment Spec (Elec)	3-Jun-03	PEO Aviation	GS-1670	13	13	67,413 - 87,640	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK03181148	Secretary (Steno/OA)	3-Jun-03	SAMD	GS-0318	8	8	35,393 - 46,012	X														
SCBK03185243	File Clerk	4-Jun-03	MEDCOM	GS-0305	4	4	23,060 - 29,974	X														
SCBK030180135	Management Analyst	4-Jun-03	OMEMS	GS-0343	12	12	56,690 - 73,697	X	X													
SCBK03186080	Procurement and Production Analyst	4-Jun-03	CMO	GS-1101	13	13	67,413 - 87,640	X														
SCBK03170018	Research Physicist	5-Jun-03	AMRDEC	DB-1310	4	4	79,663 - 121,817	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK03195539	General Supply Spec	6-Jun-03	IMMC	GS-2001	9	9	39,092 - 50,820	X														
SCBK03182844	Secretary (OA)	6-Jun-03	ISD	GG-0318	6	6	28,759 - 37,386	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK03183810	Log Mgmt Spec	9-Jun-03	SAMD	GS-0346	11	11	47,299 - 61,494	X														
03BK0180913VW1	General Engineer	9-Jun-03	SMDC	GS-0801	14	14	79,663 - 103,564	X														
03BK0180905VW1	General Engineer	9-Jun-03	SMDC	GS-0801	14	14	79,663 - 103,564	X														
SCBK03181059	Program Analyst	9-Jun-03	ACQ PEO	GS-0343	14	14	79,663 - 103,564	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK03185003	Program Analyst	9-Jun-03	AMRDEC	DE-0343	2	3	25,800 - 50,820	X														
SCBK03180751	Program Analyst	9-Jun-03	AMRDEC	DE-0343	2	2	25,800 - 50,820	X														
SCBK03182331	Security Spec (Information)	9-Jun-03	SMDC	GG-0080	13	13	67,413 - 87,640	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK03183327	Supvy Log Mgmt Spec	9-Jun-03	PEO Aviation	NH-0346	4	4	79,663 - 121,817	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK03178399	Program Manager	13-Jun-03	CofE Huntsville	GS-0340	14	14	79,663 - 103,564	X														
03BK0177510MW2	Program Manager (Prototype Integration)	13-Jun-03	AMRDEC	DE-0340	5	5	93,705 - 121,817	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
03BK0178337OD2	Lead General Engineer	13-Jun-03	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	79,663 - 121,817	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK03183738	Supvy General Engineer	19-Jun-03	SMDC	GS-0801	14	14	79,663 - 103,564	X	X	X												
SCBK030171443	Integration Director	19-Jun-03	ACQ	GS-0301	15	15	93,705 - 121,817	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCEG03204968	Electronics Engineer	20-Aug-03	ATTC	GS-0855	13	13	67,413 - 87,640	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCEG03205103	Aerospace Engineer	30-Aug-03	ATTC	GS-0861	13	13	67,413 - 87,640	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCEG03205144	Flight Test Pilot	30-Aug-03	ATTC	GS-2181	14	14	79,344 - 103,150	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MD-DH-02-0665	Audiologist/Speech Pathologist	30-Sep-03	MEDCOM	GS-0665	11-13	13	44,668 - 88,770	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MD-DH-02-0683	Dental Lab Technician	30-Sep-03	MEDCOM	GS-0683	5-7	7	25,467 - 42,083	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MD-DH-02-0603	Physician's Assistant	30-Sep-03	MEDCOM	GS-0603	11-13	13	46,689 - 88,770	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MD-DH-02-0682	Dental Hygienist	30-Sep-03	MEDCOM	GS-0682	5-7	7	25,467 - 45,493	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MD-DH-02-0681	Dental Assistant	30-Sep-03	MEDCOM	GS-0681	5-7	7	25,467 - 42,083	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MD-DH-02-0680	Dental Officer	30-Sep-03	MEDCOM	GS-0680	12	12	55,958 - 74,648	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MD-DH-02-0662	Optometrist	30-Sep-03	MEDCOM	GS-0662	11-13	13	46,689 - 88,770	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MD-DH-02-0668	Podiatrist	30-Sep-03	MEDCOM	GS-0668	11-13	13	46,689 - 88,770	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MD-DH-02-0610	Registered Nurse	30-Sep-03	MEDCOM	GS-0610	9-12	12	38,588 - 74,648	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MD-03-2653	Medical Technologist (VOS)	31-Dec-03	MEDCOM	GS-0644	7-9-10	11-12	31,546 - 72,746	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MD-03-2673	Social Worker	31-Dec-03	MEDCOM	GS-0185	9-11	12	38,588 - 72,747	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MD-03-2682	Counseling Psychologist	31-Dec-03	MEDCOM	GS-0180	9-11	12	38,588 - 72,747	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK03147126OC	General Engr,Civil Engr,Architect,Mech Engr,Elect Engr	31-Dec-03	Shchuchy,Kurgan, Region,Russia	GS-0801-0810-0808-0830-0850	15	15	85,140 - 110,682	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK03127239	Architect	2-Jan-04	CofE Huntsville	GS-0808	11	12	47,240 - 70,841	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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X-AO-03-5036-RD	Mechanical Engineer	28-May-03	Office Sec of Army	GS-0830	14	14	79,663 - 103,564	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-AO-03-5036-RD	Environmental Engineer	28-May-03	Office Sec of Army	GS-0819	14	14	79,663 - 013,564	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-AO-03-5036-RD	Electrical Engineer	28-May-03	Office Sec of Army	GS-0850	14	14	79,663 - 103,564	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-AO-03-5036-RD	Civil Engineer	28-May-03	Office Sec of Army	GS-0810	14	14	79,663 - 103,564	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-AO-03-5036-RD	Chemical Engineer	28-May-03	Office Sec of Army	GS-0893	14	14	79,663 - 103,564	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-AO-03-5036-RD	Architect	28-May-03	Office Sec of Army	GS-0808	14	14	79,663 - 103,564	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-JB-03-5263-ST	File Clerk	29-May-03	Office Sec of Army	GS-0305	4	4	23,060 - 29,974	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-JB-03-5261-ST	Claims Clerk	30-May-03	Office Sec of Army	GS-0998	5	5	25,800 - 33,536	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-SP-03-5185-ST	Systems Support Spec	30-May-03	Office Sec of Army	GS-0301	15	15	93,705 - 121,817	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-LW-03-5188-SP	General Engineer	30-May-03	Office Sec of Army	DB-0801	4	4	79,663 - 121,817	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-SP-03-5211-ST	Supvy Log Mgmt Spec	6-Jun-03	Office Sec of Army	NH-0346	4	4	79,663 - 121,817	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-LW-03-5239-RD	Program Manager	16-Jun-03	Office Sec of Army	DE-0340	5	5	93,705 - 121,817	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-LW-03-5245-RD	Lead General Engineer	18-Jun-03	Office Sec of Army	DB-0801	4	4	79,663 - 121,817	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-AL-03-5210-RD	Electrical Engineer	15-Aug-03	Office Sec of Army	GS-0850	12	12	56,690 - 73,697	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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A - Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees serviced by Redstone CPAC.
B - All Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees (SF-50 documentation service required).
C - Compensably Disabled Veterans receiving 30% or more compensation from a military service or the VA (SF-15 and other documentation required).
D - All Department of Defense competitive service employees and certain DOD excepted service employees (SF-50 documentation service required)
E - Executive Order 12721 eligibles. (Former overseas family member employees who meet eligibility requirements)
F - All Federal Employees
H - Severely handicapped persons (Documentation from State Vocational Rehabilitation Service required)
I - Interagency Career Transition Assist Plan (ICTAP). (Non-DOD Federal employees who have been displaced by RIF.)
R - Reinstatement eligibles (former competitive service Federal employees who meet eligibility requirement.)
T - Transfer eligibles (non-Army Federal competitive service employees) (SF-50 documentation service required)
V - Certain veterans and prior military members who meet the eligibility criteria under VRA or VEOA programs (DD-214s or proof of service required).
U - All U.S. citizens
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